Government and other political parties and the facilitation efforts of Norway.

President Kumaratunga welcomed India's offer to be of assistance in the humanitarian as well as economic sphere to ease any constraints that may be currently faced by Sri Lanka. Shri Jaswant Singh added in this regard that India would be prepared to extend to Sri Lanka a credit facility, on terms to be mutually worked out between the two Finance Ministers, amounting to US$ 100 million. The possibilities of Sri Lanka's purchasing wheat, rice and sugar on a counter trade basis from India, were also discussed.

In conclusion both sides noted that the discussions had been productive and that they had enabled the reaching of understandings on the measures that India and Sri Lanka can take both collectively as well as individually, to bring about lasting peace in Sri Lanka. Shri Jaswant Singh emphasised that he was leaving Sri Lanka at the end of his visit confident of the depth, strength and direction of India-Sri Lanka relations and their ability to meet the common challenges both countries face.

Donation of a Hospital to Angola

560. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government of India would consider to fulfil the words given by former Prime Minister of India, Rajeev Gandhi during his visit to Angola about donating a hospital to Angola as the political as well as security related situation have improved, barring a small and distant sector in Angola?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): At the request of the Angola Government, it has been decided that a factory for making means of locomotion for the disabled will be set up in Angola with the assistance of Government of India. Details are being processed and will be concretized in association with the Angolan side.